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Docket Number: 2316-150

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)
ANDERSON et al.)
Serial No.: 10/050,102)
Filed: January 18, 2002)
For: DETECTION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF MICROORGANISMS)

Examiner: Frank W. LU
Group Art Unit: 1634

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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Commissioner for Patents
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September 15, 2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed July 14, 2003, wherein the Examiner set a three-month period for response, the response was due September 14, 2003. As the due date falls on a Sunday, filing this response on Monday September 15, 2003 is deemed timely. (See 37 CFR § 1.17(a)).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

An Appendix following page XXX of this paper includes:

- 1) TERMINAL DISCLAIMER for 6,340,570,
- 2) TERMINAL DISCLAIMER for 6,479,239,
- 2) a STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b),
- 3) an Associate Power of Attorney,
- 4) a Certificate under 37 CFR 3.73(b), and
- 5) a Change In Correspondence Address.